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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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CONGREGATION RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF
TARTIKOV, INC., RABBI MORDECHAI
BABAD, RABBI WOLF BRIEF, RABBI
HERMEN KAHANA, RABBI MEIR MARGULIS,
RABBI GERGELY NEUMAN, RABBI MEILECH
MENCZER, RABBI JACOB HERSHKOWITZ,
RABBI CHAIM ROSENBERG, RABBI DAVID A.
MENCZER, and RABBI ARYEH ROYDE,
Plaintiffs,
-against- 07-CV8304
(KMK)

VILLAGE OF POMONA, NY; BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF POMONA,
NY; NICHOLAS SANDERSON AS MAYOR;
IAN BANKS as Trustee and in his
official capacity, ALMA SANDERS
ROMAN as Trustee and in her official
capacity, RITA LOUIE as Trustee and
in her official capacity, and BRETT
YAGEL, as Trustee and in his official
capacity,
Defendants.

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May 16, 2014
9:30 a.m.

EXAMINATION BEFORE TRIAL of
the Defendant, ALMA SANDERS ROMAN, taken
pursuant to Notice, held at the offices of
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New York, before a Notary Public within and
for the State of New York.

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED
by and between the attorneys for the
respective parties hereto that filing and
sealing are hereby waived.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED
that all objections, except as to the
form of the question, shall be reserved
to the time of the trial.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED
that the within examination may be signed
and sworn to before any Notary Public
with the same force and effect as though
signed and sworn to before this Court.

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2 (At the request of Ms. Sobel the
3 following document was marked.)

4 (Whereupon, Notice of Deposition was
5 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 230 for
6 identification.)

7 A L M A S A N D E R S R O M A N, a Defendant
8 herein, having been first duly sworn by Gale
9 Salit, a Notary Public of the State of New
10 York, was examined and testified as follows:

11 THE REPORTER: May I have your full
12 name, please?

13 THE WITNESS: Alma Sanders Roman.

14 THE REPORTER: May I have your
15 address?

16 THE WITNESS: 5 Camp Hill Road,
17 Pomona, New York 10970.

18 EXAMINATION BY

19 MS. SOBEL:

20 Q Good morning, Mrs. Roman.

21 A Good morning.

22 Q My name is Donna Sobel. You've seen
23 me before?

24 A Yes.

25 Q This is John Stepanovich. We are two

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2 of the lawyers --

3 A That I hadn't seen before.

4 Q Okay. We are two of the lawyers for
5 plaintiff Congregation Rabbinical College of
6 Tartikov, Inc. and the rest of the plaintiffs in
7 this lawsuit. This is the court reporter who
8 will be taking down everything that you say.

9 Have you ever been deposed before?

10 A A long time ago, yes.

11 Q So I'm going over some of the ground
12 rules just to refresh you.

13 A Yes.

14 Q Everything that you say she will take
15 down and everything that I say she will take
16 down. So it's important that you let me finish
17 my questions and then I will also let you finish
18 your answers rather than jumping on each other
19 and speaking over one another.

20 If at any time you don't understand a
21 question that I'm asking, please ask me and I
22 will either have her read it back or I will
23 repeat it. Also, you are nodding your head right
24 now. But when I ask questions I'll actually need
25 you to make sure that you make a verbal response

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2 so that she can take it down. Because she won't
3 be able to take down head nods, only anything
4 that she hears. Is that okay?

5 A Okay.

6 MR. PELOSO: One thing I would add is
7 if counsel asks a question if you would give
8 me a moment or two, I might object or not.
9 I might object during the course of the
10 deposition, but unless I tell you not to
11 answer the question please answer the
12 question.

13 Q Do you understand that you took an
14 oath to testify truthfully today?

15 A Yes.

16 Q And do you understand that these
17 answers may be used at trial?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Your attorney already went over the
20 fact that he may make an objection, so we will
21 deal with that if and when it happens.

22 If at any time you want to take a
23 break, just let me know and we can accommodate
24 that, that's no problem.

25 Have you taken any medications today

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2 that will interfere with your ability to be a
3 part of this deposition or to answer these
4 questions?

5 A No.

6 Q Okay, great.

7 Is there any other reason that you
8 feel that you cannot accurately testify today?

9 A No.

10 Q Okay, good.

11 You've already stated your name and
12 address for the record.

13 You're here today pursuant to a notice
14 of deposition. I'm going to hand you what's been
15 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 230. If you could
16 just look at that?

17 A (Complying.)

18 Q Just let me know if you've seen that
19 before. Do you know if you've ever seen this
20 document before?

21 A I don't recall seeing it.

22 Q Okay. But you were told by somebody
23 that you needed to appear today for a deposition?

24 A I was told by the attorney.

25 Q Yes. Don't tell me what an attorney

1 - Alma Sanders Roman -

2 told you. That's fine.

3 Are you currently employed?

4 A Yes.

5 Q Where are you employed?

6 A Finkelstein Memorial Library, 24
7 Chestnut Street, Spring Valley, New York 10977.

8 Q How long have you been working there?

9 A Longer than I can remember.

10 Q Okay, that's fair.

11 As far as the Village of Pomona goes,
12 you're currently a trustee, correct?

13 A Yes.

14 Q How long have you been a trustee?

15 A About ten years.

16 Q What other positions did you hold in
17 the village?

18 A I've just had one.

19 Q Well, you were on the planning board,
20 weren't you?

21 A No.

22 Q You weren't on the planning board in
23 the late nineties?

24 A I was on the planning board, but not
25 in Pomona.

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2 Q Okay, we'll get back to that.

3 And you were once, I think as a
4 trustee you were on the ethics board?

5 A It ran simul -- yes, yes.

6 Q Is that normally how it works, that
7 trustees serve as members of the ethics board
8 also?

9 A Yes.

10 Q How long were you on the ethics board?

11 A I don't remember quite the date.
12 Probably within the last -- I don't remember
13 quite the date. I just don't remember the date.

14 Q But you're not on the ethics board
15 now?

16 A It's the same board.

17 Q What is the ethics board?

18 A The ethics board is a board that
19 determines or answers questions as to people's
20 involvement in the village business.

21 Q Do you meet regularly or only when an
22 issue is brought to you?

23 A Only when an issue is brought to us.

24 Q What type of issues are brought to
25 you?

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2 A Usually issues of whether or not --
3 conflict of interest is the only one we've had.

4 Q Are those meetings open to the public
5 or are they closed?

6 A They are opened, yes.

7 Q Is a record made of the meetings?

8 A Not to -- we've only had one or two,
9 so I don't know.

10 Q Who else serves on the ethics board
11 with you?

12 A One other trustee who is no longer
13 there. Lamer I think. I don't know who else.
14 It's kind of a -- I don't know.

15 Q But if there were a conflict of
16 interest, that board, you would still be dealing
17 with that?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay. All right, great.

20 As far as meetings go, the village
21 meets, the trustees meet twice a month; is that
22 correct?

23 A Correct, yes.

24 Q One is a workshop and one is a regular
25 board meeting?

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2 A Yes.

3 Q Can you explain the difference?

4 A One is preparation and one is actual
5 fact.

6 Q When you say actual fact, what do you
7 mean?

8 A When you deliberate in the interest of
9 the village.

10 Q Do you attend other meetings as a
11 trustee? I know you already talked about the
12 ethics board, that you attend those. Are there
13 any other meetings that you are required to
14 attend?

15 A No.

16 Q Are there any committees that you
17 oversee?

18 A That's the only committee.

19 Q Do you ever have joint meetings with
20 the planning board or the zoning board?

21 A Personally?

22 Q As a trustee, the board.

23 MR. PELOSO: Do you understand the
24 question?

25 A I don't. Other meetings I don't

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2 understand.

3 Q Now I'll rephrase it, no problem.

4 Does the board ever have joint
5 meetings with another committee such as the
6 planning board or the zoning board?

7 A About once a year.

8 Q Did you do anything to prepare for
9 this deposition today?

10 A Prayed.

11 Q You prayed, okay. I think hopefully
12 your prayers will be answered.

13 Did you speak with anybody other than
14 your lawyer about the deposition?

15 A No.

16 Q Did you meet with your lawyer? And
17 don't reveal the contents of it if you did. But
18 did you meet with your lawyer?

19 A Yes.

20 Q When did you meet?

21 A I think it was yesterday.

22 Q Was anyone else present during that
23 conversation?

24 A Just the lawyers. No.

25 Q Did you bring any documents here with

1 - Alma Sanders Roman -

2 you today?

3 A I don't have any, no.

4 Q Did you review any documents in
5 preparation for today?

6 A No.

7 Q Great. So you just said a minute ago
8 you don't have any documents?

9 A No.

10 Q My question is: Why don't you have
11 any documents, did you give them to somebody?

12 MR. PELOSO: She said there's no
13 documents here today.

14 Q Did you ever have documents that
15 relate to the Congregation Rabbinical College of
16 Tartikov?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you ever have any documents that
19 relate to the laws that were passed in, let's
20 say, 2007? There are two laws at issue in this
21 case, Local Law No. 1 of 2007 and Local Law No. 5
22 of 2007. Did you ever have any documents about
23 those?

24 A Yes.

25 Q Do you still have those documents?

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2 A No.

3 Q Where are they now?

4 A At village hall.

5 Q Did you give them to somebody at
6 village hall?

7 A Everybody had document -- yes, yes. I
8 didn't personally give them, but it was an email
9 document and everybody got it.

10 Q What do you mean it was an email
11 document?

12 A I mean we got the documents by email
13 and then there is a copy in the village hall.

14 Q There's a copy in the village hall.

15 A I don't keep personal materials of the
16 village at home.

17 Q What about any emails that you sent to
18 somebody?

19 A I didn't send anything to anybody.

20 Q You didn't send anything to anybody?

21 A No.

22 Q You receive emails but you don't send
23 emails out?

24 A No.

25 Q Do you take notes at village meetings?

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2 A Occasionally, yes.

3 Q Were those notes turned over to your
4 counsel?

5 A They were -- no.

6 Q You made a hand gesture. What
7 happened to them?

8 A After the meeting we don't normally
9 keep the minutes nor the documents.

10 Q You throw them out?

11 A We sent them to village hall.

12 Q You send them to village hall. So
13 your notes are sent --

14 A Very little notes do I have. And it's
15 marked on the documents and they are
16 (indicating).

17 Q So you send them to village hall. Do
18 you know what happens to them then?

19 A No.

20 Q Who do you give them to?

21 A I don't give them to anybody. It's
22 just at the meeting I sort of got rid of the
23 materials and wait for the next meeting.

24 Q But when you say get rid of them, are
25 you throwing them out?

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2 A I shred them.

3 Q You shred them. At village hall?

4 A Yes.

5 Q So there's a shredder in the office at
6 village hall?

7 A Yes.

8 Q Do the other trustees do the same
9 thing?

10 A I can't answer for them. I don't
11 know.

12 Q You said you've been a trustee for
13 about ten years. Do you know the exact date you
14 started?

15 A Of course I don't remember.

16 Q You don't know the exact date you
17 started, okay.

18 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
19 marked.)

20 (Whereupon, Memo dated 8/29/07, Bates
21 Nos. POM0007310-14, was marked Plaintiff's
22 Exhibit 231 for identification.)

23 Q You've just been handed a document
24 that's been marked as Plaintiff's 231. If you
25 can please take a look at it?

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2 A (Complying.)

3 Q And if you could let me know if you've
4 ever seen this document before?

5 A No, I have not seen it before.

6 Q Did you ever receive a document
7 similar to this that talked about a document
8 hold?

9 A No.

10 Q For this lawsuit?

11 A No.

12 Q Do you have a personal email address?

13 A Yes.

14 Q What is it?

15 A It's aroman@rcls.org.

16 Q I'm sorry, at what?

17 A Rcls.org. R as in Richard C as in
18 Cary.

19 Q What does that stand for?

20 A Ramapo Catskill Library System.

21 Q So is that your work email?

22 A That's my only email.

23 Q So you use it for both work and
24 personal?

25 A Yes.

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2 Q How long have you had that email
3 address?

4 A I don't remember. A long time. I
5 don't remember.

6 Q So when you told me before that you
7 get emails, the agenda or a proposed local law,
8 does it get emailed to this email address?

9 A Yes, anything I get is to that
10 address.

11 Q Do you also have a village email
12 address?

13 A No, I don't have -- I don't.

14 Q There's not even an email address that
15 maybe things get forwarded to you? I mean
16 @pomonavillage or something?

17 A No, I don't get that.

18 Q So tell me about what made you decide
19 to run to be a board member of the Village of
20 Pomona?

21 A It's a civic duty.

22 Q What do you mean by that?

23 A You want to help the place you live.
24 Civic means, you know. It's a civic duty.

25 Q When you say help the place you live,

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2 how do you know if you're helping?

3 A Well, the law -- when you participate
4 you help.

5 Q So you're participating by voting?

6 A Yes, I vote.

7 Q Do you speak to your constituents to
8 see what types of things they are interested in?

9 A Yes.

10 Q How do you do that?

11 A I walk around the village and meet
12 people at the supermarket or wherever.

13 Q Do you take that into consideration
14 when you vote on laws?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do residents ever stop you to talk to
17 you about different laws or different things they
18 want to see happen?

19 A No, they greet you, but not about
20 different laws. They are concerned with the tax
21 or the garbage or something, but not laws.

22 Q Do residents come to meetings to speak
23 sometimes?

24 A Sometimes, yes.

25 Q Do you take their comments into

1 - Alma Sanders Roman -

2 consideration when making decisions?

3 A Yes.

4 Q And when voting on laws?

5 A Yes.

6 Q How long have you lived in Rockland
7 County?

8 A Since 1962.

9 Q How long have you lived in Pomona?

10 A Since 1962.

11 Q So before the village was formed?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Has the county changed since you first
14 got here?

15 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form as
16 vague.

17 Q Has the county changed?

18 A No.

19 Q No?

20 A No, it's the same county. It didn't
21 change anything.

22 Q So in terms of amount of development
23 is it changed at all, is there more development
24 now than there was in 1962?

25 A Yes.

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2 Q Residential development, more
3 residential development?

4 A In Pomona it's only residential
5 development.

6 Q But I'm asking about Rockland County
7 in general.

8 A Rockland County, I don't have any
9 knowledge.

10 Q Or in Pomona, in the general area
11 around Pomona?

12 A There has been some changes, yes, some
13 new buildings.

14 Q Is there more traffic than there used
15 to be?

16 A Yes.

17 Q Are there more stores?

18 A More stores?

19 Q Not just in the village, in the
20 general area surrounding the village.

21 A They only have one -- we have no
22 stores in the village.

23 Q Right. But let's say in Ramapo, in
24 the Town of Ramapo is it more built up than it
25 was when you first got here?

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2 A I would say yes.

3 Q How do you feel about all that?

4 A That's -- I don't have an opinion. I
5 mean, I don't have an opinion on that.

6 Q Do you worry that at some point that
7 too much development will be too much?

8 A I don't understand what you mean, too
9 much development.

10 Q Okay. I'll restate it.

11 Do you worry that if there keeps being
12 more development that it will be too much
13 development?

14 A I don't worry.

15 Q Do you have any environmental concerns
16 about living here?

17 A Yes.

18 Q Can you tell me about them?

19 A Roads, water.

20 Q What about the roads and water?

21 A We have a large problem with our roads
22 because they are just country roads and we
23 continue to rehab them or try to keep them going.
24 They are mostly two lanes and it's very difficult
25 with the new cars and the old cars and everybody.

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2 So yes, I am concerned about the roads. I just
3 feel that they are overused.

4 Q Now, is the concern about traffic or
5 is it the wear and tear of the roads themselves?

6 A Traffic.

7 Q And then you said water also?

8 A Yes, we have some issues with water
9 and flooding, part of the Minisceongo.

10 Q What's the last name you said?

11 A Minisceongo.

12 Q Tell me about what those problems are.

13 A We have floods in people's basements.

14 People call us and say they have floods. It's
15 water level changes and so on we've had.

16 Q Is there anything you attribute those
17 water changes to?

18 A Yes, it's use.

19 Q What about, have the schools changed
20 since you first got here?

21 A In Pomona?

22 Q Let's say the East Ramapo School
23 District.

24 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form as
25 vague.

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2 Q You can answer the question.

3 MR. PELOSO: Answer.

4 A Yes.

5 Q How have they changed?

6 A They have changed. We were sort of
7 the number one educational institution. Now we
8 are down to, I think there are seven of us, and
9 we are number seven.

10 Q Is that in the county, seven in the
11 county?

12 A No, you asked me about --

13 Q You said you're number seven.

14 A Of the school districts.

15 Q Of the school districts in the county?

16 A Right, yes.

17 Q What do you attribute that decline to?

18 A I don't know.

19 Q You don't know?

20 A No.

21 Q You don't have an opinion?

22 A I don't know how you go from one to
23 zero. I don't know.

24 Q What kind of changes happened in the
25 schools?

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2 A Academic excellence, you know, the
3 schools are rated by the state, and we have lost
4 our ratings.

5 Q Were there cuts in programs?

6 A Yes, there's been some cuts in
7 programs.

8 Q What types of programs?

9 A Well, there have been some cuts in the
10 secondary and the elementary. You know, each
11 year it changes.

12 Q Who made those cuts?

13 A The board and superintendent.

14 Q Who comprises the board?

15 A There are nine members on the board.

16 Q Do you know who those members are?

17 A Personally, no.

18 Q Do you know anything about those
19 members?

20 A No, I just know there are nine school
21 board members.

22 Q Do you know if they are Hasidic or
23 Orthodox Jews?

24 A Sitting where I'm sitting, how would I
25 know?

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2 MR. PELOSO: I'm going to object. She
3 said she doesn't know who they are, so how
4 can she know what religion they are?

5 Q You can answer the question.

6 A How would I know whether they are
7 Orthodox or Hasidic?

8 Q Do you know what the traditional dress
9 of an Orthodox or Hasidic Jew is?

10 A Not in detail, no.

11 Q Have you seen or ever met an Orthodox
12 or Hasidic Jew?

13 A Yes. After you related to me that
14 they were Orthodox. But I can't tell by looking
15 that they're Orthodox. See, I have a different
16 issue. You can tell what I am by my color. But
17 I can't tell anybody's religion by showing up
18 unless they tell me, unless you say to me. For
19 example, I don't know whether you are or not, I
20 don't know.

21 Q Understood. If you see a man wearing
22 a skull cap or a kippah, does that generally
23 indicate that they are an Orthodox Jew?

24 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

25 Q You can answer.

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2 A Yes.

3 Q What about when you see a man wearing
4 a long black coat, maybe a black hat, does that
5 usually indicate that they are an Orthodox or
6 Hasidic Jew?

7 A I don't know.

8 Q Have you heard people talk about the
9 fact that there are people on the school board
10 who send their kids to yeshivas?

11 A To me, no.

12 Q You've never heard anyone say that?

13 A To me, no. No one has said that to
14 me, no.

15 Q Do you know what a yeshiva is?

16 A What a yeshiva is?

17 Q What a yeshiva is.

18 A Yes, it's a religious school. A
19 religious -- not school. A religious -- well,
20 place of worship as far as I know.

21 Q For Jewish children?

22 A Uh-huh, yes.

23 Q You used to serve on the East Ramapo
24 School Board?

25 A Yes.

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2 Q When was that?

3 A That was back in the sixties, way back
4 then.

5 Q How come you no longer choose to do
6 that?

7 A I lost the election.

8 Q Have you ever run for election again?

9 A No.

10 Q So how come you choose not to run?

11 A Because after I lost the election I
12 didn't run again.

13 Q Okay, that's fair. That's fair.

14 How about the Ramapo Town Board, has
15 that changed over the years?

16 A I don't think so. I don't know.

17 Q Have you heard the term "voting bloc"?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Can you tell me what a voting bloc is?

20 A It's when one group, political group
21 votes as one person.

22 Q Have you heard that term used about
23 any group in Ramapo?

24 A No, just a generic term.

25 Q So you've never heard it used to talk

1 - Alma Sanders Roman -

2 about Hasidic or Orthodox --

3 A No. Not to me, no.

4 Q Do you get the sense that there is a
5 voting bloc in Ramapo elections?

6 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

7 Q You can answer.

8 A I just don't know. You know, because
9 it's a secret ballot, I don't know.

10 Q Are you familiar with the concept of
11 tax exempt properties?

12 A Yes.

13 Q How do you feel about them?

14 A I feel that it's a village -- what is
15 the word I want to use? I feel if it's
16 appropriate, it's okay. It's the right to do so.

17 Q You say if it's appropriate. What
18 would make it appropriate?

19 A Well, according to the statutes in the
20 village, there is a certain criteria for tax
21 exempt, and we use that.

22 Q Do you know what that criteria is?

23 A That you have -- that you have to be
24 of a -- we do it for religious institutions, for
25 educational institutions. That's what we do in

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2 the village if I recall. I'd have to get the
3 statute here. But that's usually what comes to
4 us. If you open a church or a synagogue or, what
5 do you call the other thing? Religious or
6 educational institutions are exempt by their use,
7 just by their use.

8 Q Does that create more of a burden on
9 the people who do pay taxes?

10 A No.

11 Q No?

12 A No.

13 Q It doesn't cause the taxpayer's amount
14 that they pay to go up?

15 A We have not had that issue, no.

16 Q So if there were 100 properties in a
17 municipality and there were no tax exempt
18 properties, all 100 would pay towards the
19 municipality's costs for the year; is that
20 correct?

21 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

22 Q You can answer.

23 A I don't know what you mean. I don't
24 know.

25 Q I'll restate that. That's very fair.

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2 It sounded like a math problem. No problem.

3 If the village had all the properties
4 where people are paying taxes as opposed to only
5 some properties where people are paying taxes,
6 wouldn't the taxes be lower if all the people
7 were paying tax?

8 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

9 A I don't know. I don't have -- I don't
10 know because our -- I don't know.

11 Q Tell me, what do you know about
12 Hasidic and Orthodox Jews and their culture?

13 A Nothing.

14 Q Nothing?

15 A I've never been part of the
16 organization, so I don't know anything. I don't
17 know.

18 Q Have you heard of the words keeping
19 kosher?

20 A Yes.

21 Q Do you know what that is?

22 A Yes, I know what that is.

23 Q Can you tell me what it is?

24 A I know that from the library. It's a
25 food issue where they use certain foods for

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2 certain days and certain -- it's a food -- from
3 what I can understand, food cookery. Because we
4 get -- I get it at the library. Keeping kosher
5 is a particularly culinary art for Jewish people.
6 That's what I think.

7 Q You say you get it at the library.
8 What is your exact job at the library?

9 A I'm a reference librarian.

10 Q Do you meet a number of Orthodox or
11 Hasidic people at the library?

12 A I don't know whether they are -- I
13 meet Jewish. I don't know whether they are
14 Orthodox or Hasidic. I can't tell the
15 difference. But we do have, yes.

16 Q Can you generally tell who they are
17 based on how they dress?

18 A I don't -- no.

19 Q So how do you know that they are
20 Orthodox?

21 A Because they will come and ask for
22 something that has to do with what they are
23 looking for. As a reference librarian you go and
24 try to find information.

25 Q Have you ever heard the word mikvah?

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2 A I've heard mikvah, but I don't know
3 what it is.

4 Q What about the word shul?

5 A Yes, I've heard the word shul.

6 Q Do you know what it is?

7 A But I've never been to shul, I don't
8 know.

9 Q Do you know what a shul is?

10 A I know a shul is a religious group,
11 but I don't know anything more than that.

12 Q Are there more Hasidic and Orthodox
13 Jews in the area than when you first got here in
14 1962?

15 A I would say yes. From what I can
16 understand, there's a couple of villages.

17 Q Tell me, what do you mean by a couple
18 of villages?

19 A We have New Square. I understand
20 that's -- I don't -- I have never been, I don't
21 go there. But I understand that's a purely
22 Jewish village.

23 Q What else makes you think there's more
24 now than there were before?

25 A Well, there have been two or three

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2 villages that have formed that I'm to understand
3 they were run by the Jewish faith.

4 Q Do you have any opinion about that?

5 A Live and let live, no.

6 Q What about, has anyone ever expressed
7 any opinions to you?

8 A About what?

9 Q About the fact that there's more
10 Orthodox and Hasidic Jews in the county?

11 A No. Welcome everybody.

12 Q Do you read the Journal News?

13 A Yes, I read the Journal.

14 Q Do you not like the Journal News, is
15 that why it's funny?

16 A No, we read the Journal News. It was
17 a little bit of a quirk.

18 Q Do you ever visit its website?

19 A Of the Journal News?

20 Q Yes. LoHud I think it's called.

21 A No.

22 Q You just read the physical paper?

23 A Yes, when it comes out. They throw it
24 in the driveway.

25 Q Do you ever get correspondence from

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2 village constituents?

3 A Written to me personally? No, not as
4 a person, no. Not as a person, no.

5 Q Have you ever spoken to the media
6 about land use issues in the village?

7 A No, ma'am.

8 Q Do you ever speak to the media when
9 you're running for office?

10 A Yes. We have a meet the candidates
11 night or meet the candidates day, whatever.

12 Q When is the last time you ran for
13 office?

14 A About three years ago.

15 Q Did you run on a ticket with anybody
16 else?

17 A Yes, I ran with -- two of us ran
18 together.

19 Q Who was the other person?

20 A Ian Banks.

21 Q Did you run with him other times
22 before the last one?

23 A The time before, yes.

24 Q Did you guys have a platform that you
25 were running on?

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2 A Platform, I don't think so.

3 Q Was there a political party that you
4 were associated with?

5 A Yes, it was called like the Green
6 Party. It was not a -- the village is not
7 partisan, so it's not --

8 Q The party that you were running with,
9 did it have any sort of principles that it was
10 standing for?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Do you know what they were?

13 A Yes, we wanted to continue in the
14 positions in which we held as trustees of the
15 Village of Pomona.

16 Q Why did you want to continue?

17 A Because we also believed it was a
18 civic duty.

19 Q Have you ever posted on any Internet
20 forum or column or blog?

21 A No.

22 Q Are you aware of the lead plaintiff in
23 this case, the Congregation Rabbinical College of
24 Tartikov?

25 A What does that mean?

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2 Q Have you heard of it?

3 MR. PELOSO: Have you heard the name?

4 A Yes, I have heard the name, but I've
5 never seen anything.

6 Q When you say you've never seen
7 anything, what do you mean?

8 A I've not put on any election material
9 or anything, no.

10 Q But you've heard of the college?

11 A I've heard of it, yes.

12 Q Are you aware of what they intend to
13 build on the property that they own?

14 A No, I've not seen an application, no.

15 Q Just to make sure we are on the same
16 page. When I say for the rest of the day, when I
17 say the property do you know the 100 acre parcel
18 of property that is owned by Rabbinical College
19 of Tartikov?

20 A Do I know where it is?

21 Q Yes.

22 A Yes.

23 Q So when I say the property, we both
24 understand that we're talking about that piece of
25 property, right?

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2 A Yes.

3 Q Okay, I just want to make sure we are
4 on the same page.

5 So you say you've never seen an
6 application?

7 A No.

8 Q But have you heard about what they
9 intend to build?

10 A Directly, no.

11 Q What do you mean directly?

12 A I mean no one has come to say, Alma,
13 we are going to do this or that, no.

14 Q What about indirectly?

15 A I've heard this was going to be an
16 intent just generally, but I don't know anything
17 specific.

18 Q What have you heard was intended?

19 A To build a school.

20 Q Do you know what kind of school?

21 A No, I didn't see an application so I
22 can't make that determination.

23 Q Right. But you said informally you
24 heard things.

25 A I heard that it was going to be -- it

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2 was a camp and it was going to be a school.

3 That's all I know.

4 Q But you don't know if it was going to
5 be a Jewish school?

6 A I don't know -- until I see the
7 application I don't know what the parameters are.

8 Q Right. No, I understand that you
9 haven't seen an application. But you said you
10 heard things informally. So I'm trying to get a
11 sense of what you heard informally.

12 A No, I don't know anything about what
13 they were going to put there.

14 Q Have you seen the Complaint in this
15 action?

16 A What Complaint?

17 Q There was a Complaint that was filed
18 that makes certain allegations. It's what starts
19 the lawsuit. Have you ever seen that Complaint?

20 A No.

21 Q You understand it's called
22 Congregational Rabbinical College, correct, the
23 name of the plaintiff? It has the words
24 rabbinical college.

25 A I didn't see the Complaint, so I don't

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2 know.

3 Q But you said you've heard of the
4 plaintiff. So you understand it has the words
5 rabbinical college in the name?

6 MR. PELOSO: You can answer yes or no.

7 A No, I don't know.

8 Q You've never heard the words
9 rabbinical college used in reference to the
10 plaintiff in this case?

11 A Heard and seen, I don't know. I mean
12 I don't know that I have ever taken any -- I
13 don't know.

14 Q Who do you think owns the property?

15 A I thought it was a group of persons
16 that bought the property from the camp and there
17 it sits.

18 Q What do you think they want to do with
19 it?

20 A I'm waiting for the application.

21 Q Has anyone ever come to a meeting
22 representing the owner and said that they have
23 any plans for the property?

24 A I was not -- I don't know of any
25 plans.

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2 Q Do you know who Paul Savad is?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Who is he?

5 A He's an attorney here in town. I
6 think we are sitting in his place, right?

7 Q Yes, you are sitting in his place. He
8 might walk through the door any minute.

9 So do you recall him coming to at
10 least one village board meeting?

11 A Yes, I think I've seen him once or
12 twice.

13 Q Do you remember what he talked about?

14 A No, I don't remember at this point.

15 Q Did you ever receive letters from him
16 requesting to speak informally about developing
17 the property?

18 MR. PELOSO: Are you talking about
19 Miss Roman personally?

20 Q Well, as a trustee.

21 MR. PELOSO: Okay, fine.

22 A I don't recall anything.

23 Q Are you familiar with the Patrick Farm
24 development?

25 A Familiar, I don't know anything about

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2 that either.

3 Q Is the village a party to a lawsuit
4 about Patrick Farm?

5 A What do you mean a party to a lawsuit?

6 Q Is there a lawsuit that the village is
7 in that has to do with Patrick Farm?

8 A Yes.

9 Q Can you tell me about that?

10 A No, it was just -- we and several
11 other municipalities joined in with an objection.
12 I think it was -- I don't know the details.

13 Q Did you vote in favor?

14 A Of the Patrick Farms?

15 Q Of the lawsuit.

16 A Yes.

17 Q How come?

18 A Because I thought that the essence was
19 it would not be able to handle the
20 infrastructures because it was bordering our
21 village. I thought it was an environmental
22 issue.

23 Q What kind of things made it an
24 environmental issue?

25 A Water, sewage, air, everything.

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2 Q What concerns do you have about this
3 property particularly?

4 A It borders the village. It's the next
5 property to the village. That's the only reason.

6 Q Do you generally oppose any
7 development that borders the village?

8 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form,
9 vague.

10 A No, I don't generally do anything.

11 Q But so how come this property?

12 A No, it came to our attention, and
13 several other villages, that this was going to
14 have an impact on the environmental issues in
15 that it has to do with water, it would have
16 something to do with the wetlands, it had
17 something to do with sewers, it had something to
18 do with roads. And I didn't think that we could
19 entertain the amount of housing that would come
20 from Patrick Farm. And it would be -- because
21 the water table, the water, you know, is what it
22 is. I didn't think we could -- I don't think it
23 would be in the best interests of the
24 environment, which is next door, for us to not
25 object to that kind of development.

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2 Q Have you heard of Preserve Ramapo?

3 A Yes.

4 Q Can you tell me what it is?

5 A No.

6 Q No?

7 A I don't know what it is. I'm not a
8 member. I saw Preserve Ramapo on a sign. I
9 don't know what it is.

10 Q So you said you're not a member of
11 Preserve Ramapo?

12 A No, I'm not a member.

13 Q Did they ever contact you?

14 A No, they have not contacted me.

15 Q What about Rosa For Rockland?

16 A What?

17 Q Rosa For Rockland, R-O-S-A.

18 A I don't know that name.

19 Q What about Power of Ten?

20 A I don't know. That's in a book
21 somewhere, the Power of Ten. It has nothing to
22 do with us.

23 Q Are you a member of any other local
24 group or organization?

25 A Salvation Army.

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2 Q Are you familiar with the former owner
3 of the property Camp Dora Golding -- Withdrawn.

4 Do you know that the property was once
5 owned by Camp Dora Golding?

6 A Yes, it was on the map.

7 Q It's on the map in village hall,
8 right?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Are you familiar with how they use the
11 property?

12 A It was a camp.

13 Q Do you know whether it was a Jewish
14 camp?

15 A It didn't say that on the map.

16 Q Do you know why they eventually left
17 the property?

18 A No. I mean that would be something I
19 couldn't know.

20 Q Do you know who they sold the property
21 to?

22 A No, I didn't have anything to do with
23 that transaction.

24 Q Have you heard of Yeshiva Spring
25 Valley?

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2 A Yes.

3 Q What can you tell me about Yeshiva
4 Spring Valley?

5 MR. PELOSO: Objection, vague. You
6 can answer.

7 A Yeshiva Spring Valley is a yeshiva
8 that's on Main Street. I pass it every day. And
9 they have a school.

10 Q Do you recall that they wanted to
11 build in the Village of Pomona?

12 A No, I didn't have any application for
13 Yeshiva of Spring Valley.

14 Q That they wanted to build on the
15 property?

16 A No, I don't know anything about that.

17 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
18 marked.)

19 (Whereupon, Planning Board Agenda and
20 Meeting Minutes, 12/15/99, Bates Nos.
21 POM0004680-93, was marked Plaintiff's
22 Exhibit 232 for identification.)

23 Q You've just been handed what's been
24 marked Plaintiff's 232.

25 A Uh-huh.

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2 Q It says on the front page that it's a
3 planning board agenda from December 15th, 1999.
4 Is that accurate if you go back to the front
5 page?

6 MR. PELOSO: Is it accurate that it
7 says that?

8 A I have no way of knowing whether it's
9 accurate or not.

10 Q I'm just saying am I reading what it
11 says?

12 A It says here, yes.

13 Q If you go to Page 2, it says present.
14 And the third name down, is that your name?

15 A Yes.

16 Q So does this refresh your recollection
17 that you were on the Village of Pomona Planning
18 Board?

19 A I don't recall being on the Village
20 Planning Board. I recall being on the planning
21 board in Ramapo. I don't remember this.

22 Q So you said you recall being on the
23 planning board in Ramapo?

24 A Uh-huh.

25 Q What time frame was that?

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2 A That was prior to this. I don't
3 remember this.

4 Q You don't remember being on the
5 planning board?

6 A No.

7 Q Is there any reason to think that
8 these minutes are not correct?

9 A I don't remember.

10 Q But I understand that you don't
11 remember. But is there any reason to believe
12 that you weren't on the planning board?

13 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form of
14 that question.

15 A I don't remember being -- I don't
16 remember, I just don't remember.

17 Q But you can't say for certain that you
18 weren't?

19 A Yeah, I can't. I just don't remember.
20 I know those names, but I don't know -- I don't
21 know.

22 Q If you could turn to the third page,
23 which on the bottom of the pages you'll see
24 numbers POM.

25 A Third page?

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2 Q It's 33. But just so we are talking
3 the same language, if you look to the right of 33
4 there's a POM number right where your thumb is.

5 MR. PELOSO: Down here (indicating).

6 Q That's what we lawyers called Bates
7 numbers. Sometimes I may say turn to POM4682.

8 So if you look at the number three it
9 says, Rabbi Fromowitz Yeshiva Spring Valley.

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q If you could just sort of read that
12 portion of the page starting with number three to
13 yourself.

14 MR. PELOSO: To the bottom of the
15 page?

16 Q Yes. Just look it over yourself. In
17 fact, you know what? Strike that. I'll read it.

18 "Chairman Cook: Rabbi Fromowitz of
19 Yeshiva Spring Valley. Are you Rabbi Fromowitz?

20 "Rabbi Fromowitz: Yes, I am.

21 "Deputy Clerk LaChiana: Rabbi

22 Fromowitz is here on an informal appearance
23 for a private primary school and preschool.

24 He is represented by Dennis Rocks, P.E.,

25 Leonard Jackson Associates, 26 Firemen's

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2 Memorial Drive, Pomona, New York."

3 Did I read that accurately?

4 A Yes.

5 Q And then if I can just read the next
6 part.

7 "Rabbi Fromowitz: I also have with me
8 for your pleasure this evening the architect for
9 the project, David Mayerfeld, the president of
10 the school, Joseph Kazamovsky and the chairman of
11 the board, Moshe Finkel. Because we think this
12 is going to be an exploratory meeting with you,
13 so we'd like to have as much input as possible on
14 our side and try to figure out what it is that
15 you are looking for. Okay, we have the narrative
16 as it was presented. Essentially what we are
17 attempting to do is build a school building, a
18 primary school which is kindergarten through
19 eighth grades, on the site that we purchased.
20 The initial project would initial entail a
21 building of approximately 100,000 square feet and
22 we tried as best as possible to locate it on the
23 site. The site has approximately 100 acres."

24 Did I read up to that point
25 accurately?

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2 MR. PELOSO: Please answer.

3 A Yes, you read it accurately.

4 Q Does this refresh your recollection as
5 to --

6 A I don't remember.

7 MR. PELOSO: Let counsel finish the
8 question.

9 MS. SOBEL: Thank you.

10 Q Does this refresh your recollection as
11 to whether Yeshiva Spring Valley ever made an
12 appearance about building in the Village of
13 Pomona?

14 A No.

15 Q I have no more questions on that
16 document.

17 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
18 marked.)

19 (Whereupon, Memorandum dated
20 1/14/2000, Bates Nos. POM4314-19, was marked
21 Plaintiff's Exhibit 233 for identification.)

22 Q You've just been handed what's been
23 marked Plaintiff's 233. If you could turn to the
24 third page. At the top it says Frederick P.
25 Clark Associates. Do you know who they are?

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2 A Yes.

3 Q Can you tell me who they are?

4 A They were consultants for the village.

5 Q It's a memorandum dated January 14th,
6 2000 to the Village of Pomona Planning Board; is
7 that correct?

8 A Yes, that's correct.

9 Q It says YSV dash Pomona?

10 A Uh-huh.

11 Q Do you remember receiving this memo?

12 A No, I don't. No.

13 Q That's all I have for that document.

14 When did you first learn that the
15 property was owned by a rabbinical school?

16 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

17 Q You can answer.

18 A When did I first know? I don't
19 remember.

20 Q Do you remember ever receiving any tax
21 exempt applications for the property?

22 A No, I don't recall that. For this
23 Yeshiva of Spring Valley?

24 Q Not for Yeshiva Spring Valley. Just
25 for the property, for any owners of the property.

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2 A I don't recall.

3 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
4 marked.)

5 (Whereupon, Email dated 1/9/07 with
6 attachments, Bates Nos. POM0013255-59, was
7 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 234 for
8 identification.)

9 Q You've been handed what's been marked
10 as Plaintiff's 234. If you could just take a
11 look at it for a minute and then I'll ask you
12 some questions.

13 A (Complying.)

14 Q You don't have to read the whole
15 thing. If you just look at the front, it appears
16 to be an email dated January 9th, 2007 with a
17 subject "Preserve Ramapo: Breaking News."

18 Do you know if you've ever seen this
19 email?

20 A I've never seen this email.

21 Q If you turn to the second and third
22 page, it seems to be -- it's entitled, "Religious
23 School With 4500 Residents Planned For Pomona."

24 Do you know if you've ever seen that?

25 A I've never seen that.

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2 Q Then if you go to the last two pages,
3 it appears to be maps and a site plan. If you go
4 to the very last page.

5 A Yes.

6 Q Are you missing -- is there --

7 MR. PELOSO: You're not on the last
8 page.

9 Q Do you know if you've ever seen either
10 of these?

11 A I don't recall seeing either of these.

12 Q If you can just go back to the second
13 to last page. You see it's blocked off and it
14 says, Site?

15 A Uh-huh.

16 Q Does that appear to be the property as
17 we are talking about it today?

18 A Yes.

19 Q Okay, that's all for that document.

20 You said you're not a member of
21 Preserve Ramapo, correct?

22 A No.

23 Q Do you know who Robert Rhodes is?

24 A Yes, I know who Robert Rhodes is.

25 Q Who is he?

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2 A He was my son's camp counselor.

3 Q Do you know who he is with respect to
4 Preserve Ramapo?

5 A No.

6 Q Have you ever heard him speak about
7 any issues about Ramapo or anything political or
8 about land use?

9 A No, I did not hear him speak.

10 Q Do you know if some of the other
11 people who have run for village office have been
12 endorsed by Preserve Ramapo?

13 A I don't know.

14 Q Did you have any campaign materials
15 when you ran for office, any fliers that you sent
16 out?

17 A Yes, one flier. It just says, Vote
18 for Ian and Alma.

19 Q Did you give that flier to a lawyer or
20 anyone at village hall to produce in this
21 litigation?

22 A No.

23 Q Are you aware of the movement to
24 incorporate the Village of Ladentown?

25 A Aware of the movement.

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2 Q Have you heard of the proposed Village
3 of Ladentown?

4 A I've heard, and it came and it died.

5 Q In between when it came and it died,
6 what can you tell me about it?

7 A Nothing.

8 Q Nothing?

9 A I don't know. I wasn't part of that.

10 Q Did you know where it was proposed to
11 be?

12 A The Village of Ladentown?

13 Q Yes.

14 A I didn't see the circumference of it.

15 Q Do you have a general idea?

16 A General idea, it was on Ladentown Road
17 is what I would think.

18 Q Do you know why it was proposed?

19 A No, I don't know that. I can't tell
20 you, I don't know that.

21 Q Did the village take any steps to
22 oppose the Town of Ramapo master plan?

23 MR. PELOSO: At any time?

24 Q At any time.

25 A I don't remember. I don't know.

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2 Q Are there any lawsuits against Ramapo?

3 A I don't know. There are several
4 lawsuits against Ramapo. I don't know.

5 Q You said there were several. Can you
6 tell me about some of them?

7 A I do know that, you know, another
8 issue. It has nothing to do with this. It had
9 to do with the ballpark. That's all I can
10 recall.

11 Q There's a lawsuit about the ballpark?

12 A There was -- yes. I don't know
13 whether it was a lawsuit or a protest. It might
14 have been just a protest.

15 Q But are there any lawsuits regarding
16 adult student housing?

17 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

18 A I don't know.

19 Q Do you know what adult student housing
20 is?

21 A You mean -- do I know what it is?

22 Q Have you heard the term "adult student
23 housing"?

24 A I've heard the term, but I've never
25 seen one.

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2 Q Do you know if Ramapo changed their
3 master plan to allow for adult student housing?

4 A I do not know that.

5 Q Have you heard people talk about adult
6 student housing in Ramapo?

7 A Talk about it, no.

8 Q Do you have a personal opinion about
9 adult student housing?

10 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

11 A No.

12 Q Would you be okay with adult student
13 housing in the Village of Pomona?

14 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

15 Q You can answer.

16 A Would you repeat that, because I don't
17 quite understand?

18 Q Sure.

19 MS. SOBEL: Can you read it back,
20 please?

21 (The question was repeated.)

22 MR. PELOSO: And I object. But you
23 can answer the question.

24 A No.

25 Q How come?

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2 A Because we -- if it's within the law,
3 I would go whatever the -- you know, within the
4 law if we had that, I would go for -- I would
5 agree if we had all of the -- if we could
6 accommodate any religious institution. I'm not
7 putting out anyone. This puts me at a -- as a
8 human being I kind of object to that question.

9 Q Okay, I understand.

10 A I'm objecting to -- you know, as a
11 woman and as an African-American woman I'm
12 objecting to anybody to exclude anyone. So this
13 is against my religious ethics. No, I can't do
14 that, no.

15 Q Have you heard of a law called RLUIPA?

16 A Yes, I've heard of a law.

17 Q What do you know about RLUIPA?

18 A Not very much.

19 Q Can you tell me what little you have
20 heard?

21 A I just heard that it was a federal law
22 that allowed religious institutions to go file in
23 communities where they had not been before, and
24 that's all I know.

25 Q How do you feel about that?

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2 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form. You
3 can answer the question.

4	Q	You can answer it.
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5 A As a person, as a black American I
6 object to any exclusions.

7 Q As a trustee of the Village of Pomona
8 how do you feel about it?

9 A As a trustee of the Village of Pomona
10 I would adhere to the laws of the Village of
11 Pomona. But I personally, me personally, I am
12 not in the board of exclusion.

13	Q	Are other people?
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14 A Oh, I can't answer for anyone else.
15 I'm the only black member on the board, so how
16 would I know what they think?

17	Q	Did people of the village talk about
18	RLUIPA?	

19 A No. You know, no, not to me. They
20 may have talked, I don't know. Not to me.

21 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
22 marked.)

23 (Whereupon, Board of Trustees Meeting
24 Minutes, 2/12/07, Bates Nos. POM0016289-94,
25 was marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 235 for

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2 identification.)

3 Q You've been handed what's been marked
4 as Plaintiff's 235.

5 A Uh-huh.

6 Q It says at the top, Village of Pomona
7 Board of Trustees Meeting, February 12th, 2007.
8 Is that accurate, that's what it says?

9 A That's what it says.

10 Q It says adopted April 23rd, 2007?

11 A Yes.

12 Q If you could first tell me, when it
13 says adopted does that mean you vote to approve
14 the minutes?

15 A Yes.

16 Q Do you still do that?

17 A Yes, we still do that.

18 Q If you could turn to the last page.
19 Actually, I'm sorry. If you could go to the
20 second to last page. At the very bottom, the
21 last paragraph. It starts, "Ms. Ulman." I'm
22 just going to read that. You can tell me if I'm
23 reading that accurately.

24 "Ms. Ulman distributed a draft
25 resolution regarding the Religious Land Use and

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2 Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA) urging
3 Congress to hold hearings on amendments to the
4 act and to obtain testimony from towns and
5 villages that are burdened with the improper use
6 of the act. A copy of the resolution is attached
7 to the minutes."

8 Did I read that accurately?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Does that refresh your recollection as
11 to whether the village ever took any action about
12 RLUIPA?

13 A I remembered this part. I don't
14 know -- Would you rephrase, because I don't
15 understand what you're asking?

16 Q Sure. But I think you may not be on
17 the same page anymore. It's was the second to
18 last page.

19 MR. PELOSO: Page 5 of 6?

20 MS. SOBEL: Page 5 of 6, yes.

21 MR. PELOSO: Counsel is asking you the
22 last question again or maybe she'll have it
23 read back. And this is what she read --

24 Q I just want to know, does that refresh
25 your recollection as to whether the village took

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2 any action regarding RLUIPA?

3 MR. PELOSO: This paragraph.

4 A Yes, a copy of the resolution is
5 attached, yes.

6 Q I will represent to you that this is
7 how this was produced to us. It wasn't attached
8 to this. So I know it does say the words that it
9 was attached here. But from what I read, it said
10 it was urging Congress to hold hearings on
11 amendments to the act.

12 A Yes.

13 Q Do you remember the village voting on
14 that resolution?

15 A Yes.

16 Q If you turn to the next page, which is
17 the last page, I'll read it. "Trustee Lamer
18 moved the resolution regarding the Religious Land
19 Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA)
20 urging Congress to hold hearings on amendments to
21 the act and to obtain testimony from towns and
22 villages that are burdened with the improper use
23 of the act. Seconded by Deputy Mayor Sanderson.
24 Motion carried 4 to 1. Trustee Banks voted no."

25 Did I read that accurately?

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2 A Correct.

3 Q And if you turn to Page 1, it does
4 indicate that you were at that meeting, correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q So if the motion carried 4 to 1 and
7 Trustee Banks voted no, then you voted yes?

8 A I voted yes.

9 Q Why did you vote yes?

10 A Because I just felt -- let me see.
11 Now do I remember why I voted yes. I thought it
12 was the right thing to do.

13 Q Why was it the right thing to do?

14 A Because it says that -- because the
15 law indicated in the minutes that this is a
16 federal law that we were trying to, what do you
17 call it, understand what it was. I don't think
18 it was very clear to us what it was. To me
19 rather.

20 Q And it talks about obtaining testimony
21 from towns and villages that are burdened by the
22 law?

23 A Yes. I think that was true.

24 Q How are towns and villages burdened by
25 the law?

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2 A Because it affected zoning of the
3 villages. And that was part of the jurisdiction
4 of the Village of Pomona and all the villages and
5 they wanted clarity.

6 Q I'm done with that document.

7 MS. SOBEL: Why don't we take a ten
8 minute break?

9 (Recess held.)

10 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
11 marked.)

12 (Whereupon, Email dated 7/11/07, Bates
13 No. POM16958, was marked Plaintiff's Exhibit
14 236 for identification.)

15 Q You've just been handed Plaintiff's
16 236. If you can look at that. It appears to be
17 an email from Bob Prol dated July 11th, 2007.

18 Do you know who Bob Prol is?

19 A No.

20 Q If you look at the To line.

21 A Look where?

22 MR. PELOSO: To, right here
23 (indicating).

24 A To Rita Louie and -- all right.

25 Q This was sent to

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2 nick.sanderson@pomonavillage.com and a few
3 others. You're not listed on here. Do you have
4 an email address at pomonavillage.com?

5 A Yes.

6 Q Do you know what it is?

7 A It's just aroman@pomonavillage, but I
8 never use it.

9 Q Do you know if things get sent there
10 and then would get forwarded on?

11 A No. I get things through rcls. I
12 don't get things sent here.

13 Q It exists, but you don't use it?

14 A I don't use it.

15 Q That's the only question I have on
16 that.

17 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
18 marked.)

19 (Whereupon, Printout of article, "In a
20 Town Divided, a Wispy Boundary Between Land
21 Use and Religion," Bates Nos. RC1618-19, was
22 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 237 for
23 identification.)

24 Q You've been handed what's been marked
25 as Plaintiff's 237, which says that it's a New

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2 York Times article from October 23rd, 2005,
3 entitled, "In a Town Divided, a Wispy Boundary
4 Between Land Use and Religion."

5 Do you know if you've ever seen this
6 article? And it doesn't have to be in this form,
7 it could have been in the newspaper itself.

8 A No.

9 Q The article talks about Patrick Farm.
10 Can you tell me a little bit about the Patrick
11 Farm property?

12 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

13 A I don't know anything about the
14 Patrick Farm, except that it's across the street
15 from the Village of Pomona.

16 Q If you look at the second paragraph?

17 A Yes, okay.

18 Q Second full sentence says, "Now nearby
19 residents look at Patrick Farm and envision a
20 clone of New Square."

21 Did I read that accurately?

22 A Yes.

23 Q And you testified earlier that New
24 Square is a Jewish village?

25 A It's a -- yes.

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2 Q Have you heard people say that they
3 look at Patrick Farm and envision a clone of New
4 Square?

5 A No.

6 Q Have you ever attended a Ramapo town
7 meeting?

8 A Yes.

9 Q If you look at the bottom of the first
10 page it says, "So local board meetings can be
11 like weddings, with people from New Square and
12 other Jewish communities on one side of the
13 room" --

14 A Now I see it.

15 Q -- "and other residents on the other."
16 Did I read that accurately?

17 MR. PELOSO: She's just asking if she
18 read it accurately.

19 Q Did I read it accurately?

20 A Yes, you read it accurately. I'm
21 trying to think about it.

22 MR. PELOSO: There's no question yet.

23 Q Have you seen that at town meetings?

24 MR. PELOSO: Objection.

25 A No.

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2 MR. PELOSO: I object. But you've
3 answered already. Just give me a minute
4 after the question.

5 Q So you haven't seen people from New
6 Square and other Jewish communities separating
7 themselves or sitting on the other side of the
8 room from other residents?

9 MR. PELOSO: Where? I'll object.

10 Q Do you understand the question?

11 A No, because -- no, no.

12 MS. SOBEL: Can you read back the
13 question, please?

14 (The question was repeated.)

15 Q To be clear, we are talking about at
16 town board meetings.

17 A No, I haven't seen that.

18 Q What types of issues have you gone to
19 Ramapo Town Board meetings for?

20 A Just general meetings, you know.
21 General meetings, nothing specific.

22 Q What kind of issues have been
23 discussed at these general meetings?

24 A Personnel of whose appointments,
25 various things like that. Issues that come

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2 before about whether or not we could -- whether
3 or not they would be able to -- let me see if I
4 can even remember. It's so far back I can't even
5 remember. Just general stuff about who hires and
6 fires and buildings and grounds and that kind of
7 thing. It's not much in open meetings that they
8 discuss.

9 Q Do they discuss it in closed meetings?

10 A I don't know. I only have gone to an
11 open meeting. I never have gone to a closed
12 meeting.

13 Q Are there any accusations that they
14 discuss things in closed meetings? No, you are
15 shaking your head no?

16 A No.

17 Q Okay, all right. That's it for this
18 document.

19 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
20 marked.)

21 (Whereupon, Article entitled, "Culture
22 Clash," Bates Nos. RC1810-1817, was marked
23 Plaintiff's Exhibit 238 for identification.)

24 Q You've been handed what's called
25 Plaintiff's 238, which is an article entitled,

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2 "Culture Clash."

3 A Yes.

4 Q And it appears both in a looks like a
5 magazine form and then a website form is attached
6 to that, but it appears to be the same article
7 without pictures on the second one.

8 Have you ever seen this article?

9 A No, I have not.

10 Q If you look at the very beginning of
11 the article under "Culture Clash," it says, "A
12 booming population of Hasidic Jews and a proposed
13 rabbinical school threaten to change Ramapo
14 forever."

15 Did I accurately say what it says?

16 A Yes, you did.

17 Q Do you know what a rabbinical school
18 is?

19 A No.

20 Q If you look at the first paragraph of
21 text, it says, "The mood was tense in the
22 ballroom of the Nanuet Comfort Inn this May.
23 About 75 people had gathered to listen to a group
24 of Hasidic Jewish developers, their lawyers and
25 paid environmental experts explain why the

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2 group's intention to build a rabbinical college
3 in the heart of Pomona was not as devastating as
4 some would make it seem."

5 Did I read that accurately?

6 A Yes, ma'am. Yes.

7 Q Do you remember that there was a
8 meeting in the Comfort Inn in Nanuet?

9 A I do not, no. I don't know of any
10 meeting. I wasn't there.

11 Q Did you receive an invitation?

12 A No.

13 Q You didn't receive an invitation?

14 A No.

15 Q Did you know there was going to be a
16 meeting?

17 A No.

18 Q Did you discuss with anybody whether
19 or not to attend a meeting?

20 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

21 A No.

22 Q Was there a village board meeting
23 where people came back and reported about a
24 meeting at the Comfort Inn in Nanuet with the
25 developers of the Tartikov?

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2 A There was no agenda, no.

3 Q I didn't ask if it was on the agenda.

4 Nobody came in open period?

5 A No, nobody came and talked to us.

6 Q If you turn to the second page?

7 A Of the "Culture Clash"?

8 Q Yes. There's a picture. It's blocked
9 a little bit by the Bates numbers. But it says,
10 Michael Tauber, the developer behind, and it
11 looks like it's the word the, controversial and
12 it looks like it's the word project. I realize
13 it's sort of blurry. But have you ever seen this
14 individual before?

15 MR. PELOSO: The photo or the person?

16 Q The picture.

17 MR. PELOSO: Have you ever seen the
18 picture before?

19 A No.

20 Q Have you ever seen any picture of this
21 person?

22 A No.

23 Q Do you know who Michael Tauber is?

24 A No, I really don't know who Michael
25 Tauber is.

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2 Q Do you know anything about Michael
3 Tauber?

4 A No.

5 Q Have you heard of Michael Tauber?

6 A I don't know a thing about Michael
7 Tauber.

8 Q You say you've never seen this
9 article?

10 A No, I didn't see this article.

11 Q Okay, I have no further questions on
12 that.

13 Have you heard people talk about the
14 birth rate of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews?

15 MR. PELOSO: At any time?

16 Q At any time.

17 A No, they wouldn't, no.

18 Q Do you know anything about the size of
19 Hasidic and Orthodox families?

20 A Yes. I just know they are large
21 families, but I don't have any particulars.

22 Q In January of 2007 there was a law
23 that was voted in the village, Local Law No. 1 of
24 2007. Do you remember voting in favor of that
25 law?

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2 A Yes.

3 Q Can you tell me anything about that
4 law?

5 A I don't understand the question,
6 anything about that law.

7 Q Okay. Withdrawn. I'll make it
8 simpler for you.

9 You said you voted in favor of that
10 law?

11 A Yes.

12 Q Why were you in favor of that law?

13 A I think it was -- after discussing it
14 I thought that it served the residents of the
15 village.

16 Q Did you listen to what residents had
17 to say?

18 A Well, yes, I listened and, you know,
19 yes.

20 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
21 marked.)

22 (Whereupon, Minutes of Public Hearing,
23 Pomona Board of Trustees, 1/22/07, Bates
24 Nos. RC1065-1173, was marked Plaintiff's
25 Exhibit 239 for identification.)

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2 Q You've just been handed Plaintiff's
3 239.

4 A Yes.

5 Q If you look at the front page, it
6 says, Public Hearing on Local Law Amendment
7 Dormitories (continued), Local Law Amendment
8 Wetlands, and it says January 22nd, 2007.

9 A Uh-huh.

10 Q The Village of Pomona Board of
11 Trustees. And if you're still on the front page
12 your name is listed there as trustee?

13 A Yes.

14 Q And this was transcribed by a court
15 reporting agency. You see at the bottom Sandy
16 Saunders?

17 A Yes, I see it.

18 Q If you could turn to please Page
19 RC1139, which is towards the back. If you look
20 at Line 19.

21 A Uh-huh.

22 Q It says, "Ladies and gentlemen of the
23 board, discussion on the comments from the public
24 period (sic) and the local law that is proposed?
25 Alma?

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2 "Ms. Roman: I'm not prepared to
3 comment because I heard so much."

4 Did I read that accurately?

5 A Yes, correct.

6 Q Is there any reason to believe that's
7 not what you said?

8 A No.

9 Q Then if we go to Page 1144.

10 A Here.

11 Q If you look at Line 13 -- actually,
12 I'm sorry. I'm going to go back a little more.
13 If you go back to RC1142, Mr. Sanderson reads a
14 resolution on 1142, 1143 through the beginning of
15 1144; is that correct?

16 A Where is it?

17 Q If you look at 1142, beginning at Line
18 18.

19 A Uh-huh.

20 Q Through 1144, Line 9.

21 A Uh-huh.

22 Q Is that him reading the resolution
23 into the record?

24 A Yes.

25 Q And then at Line 10 Mayor Marshall

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2 asks for a second to the motion?

3 MR. PELOSO: On 1144?

4 Q Page 1144. Sorry.

5 A I'm getting there. Yes. It was
6 seconded by --

7 MR. PELOSO: You've answered the
8 question.

9 Q There was a second by Mr. Lamer on
10 Line 12. So beginning on Line 14 Mayor Marshall
11 says, "On the proposed resolution, all in favor?
12 Opposed?

13 "Let the record show the amendment to
14 the local law dealing with dormitories is adopted
15 as presented."

16 Did I read that accurately?

17 A Yes.

18 Q So you voted in favor of that law?

19 A Yes.

20 Q No further questions on this document.

21 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
22 marked.)

23 (Whereupon, Minutes of Pomona Board of
24 Trustees Meeting, 4/23/07, Bates Nos.
25 RC1339-1381, was marked Plaintiff's Exhibit

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2 240 for identification.)

3 Q You've just been handed what's been
4 marked as Plaintiff's 240, which is -- if you
5 look at the front page it says, it's a board of
6 trustees meeting. It indicates that you were
7 there?

8 A Uh-huh.

9 Q It was April 23rd, 2007. And it was
10 transcribed by Sandy Saunders Reporting. If you
11 could turn to Page 1350. If you look back again
12 starting at Page 1348, it's a motion regarding
13 wetlands. You can take the time to look.

14 A I'm at 50.

15 MR. PELOSO: They want you to start
16 looking at 48.

17 Q You can take the time to look at it
18 and let me know if this is the wetlands law that
19 became Local Law No. 5 of 2007.

20 A (Perusing document.)

21 Q And on Page 1350. So is that the
22 wetlands law that you just read?

23 MR. PELOSO: I object.

24 A It's two pages -- I'm not so good at
25 that. I don't know.

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2 Q If you look at Page 1348, Line 8,
3 Mayor Sanderson says, "We now move to adopt or at
4 least discuss the motion concerning the adoption
5 of local law amending the code in relation to
6 wetlands protection."

7 A Yes.

8 Q Did I say that accurately?

9 A Correct, yes.

10 Q And then if you look at Page 1348,
11 Line 24, it says, "I would like somebody to make
12 the motion that it is resolved that it is hereby
13 determined that the proposed local law entitled
14 local law amending the code of the Village of
15 Pomona, in relation to wetlands protection, will
16 not have a significant adverse impact on the
17 environment for the reasons that by preserving
18 wetlands areas storm water runoff will be
19 lessened and storm water will be contained within
20 these areas; water quality will be enhanced
21 because of the natural filtration provided by
22 these areas; the rights of private property
23 owners will be protected because of the due
24 process requirements of the proposed law; and no
25 adverse impacts on traffic, air quality, noise or

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2 other similar impacts have been identified with
3 respect to the adoption of the proposed law, and
4 be it further resolved that the proposed local
5 law entitled a local law amending the code of the
6 Village of Pomona in relation to wetlands
7 protection is hereby adopted as amended and
8 enacted as Local Law No. 5 2007. And be it
9 further resolved that paragraph two of the GML
10 review later dated January 3rd, 2007 (sic) issued
11 by the Rockland County Department of Planning is
12 hereby overwritten for the reasons that the board
13 of trustees believes that the percentage of lands
14 to be included in the special permit to permit
15 construction within the wetlands area must be
16 considered on a case by case basis within the
17 standards set forth in the local law."

18 Did I read that accurately?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Thank you.

21 So this is the reading of Local Law
22 No. 5 of 2007?

23 A Okay, yes.

24 Q And that was the wetlands law?

25 A Yes.

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2 Q Now, if you look at Page 1350, Line 14
3 to 15, it says, "Ms. Roman: Thank you very much.
4 I've reviewed it."

5 Did I read that accurately?

6 A Yes.

7 Q Is there any reason to believe that's
8 not what you said?

9 A No.

10 Q Then on Line 22 of Page 1350 it says,
11 "On the motion, all in favor? Show it passing
12 five to nothing, to zero. Thank you, members of
13 the board."

14 A Yes.

15 Q Did I read that accurately?

16 A Yes.

17 Q So you voted in favor of the wetlands
18 law?

19 A Yes.

20 Q Why were you in favor of the wetlands
21 law?

22 A To preserve the wetlands.

23 Q How does the wetlands law preserve the
24 wetlands?

25 A It prevents people from -- it prevents

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2 building on the wetlands.

3 Q On all wetlands in the village?

4 A I don't know about all wetlands. But
5 it says here on a case by case basis. We would
6 look at it on a case by case basis.

7 Q You would look at it on a case by case
8 basis --

9 A That's what this says, yes.

10 Q -- for all people who want to build in
11 the village?

12 A Yes.

13 MR. PELOSO: Just give me a chance to
14 object. Object to the form. You've already
15 answered.

16 Q Do you need her to read it back?

17 A No.

18 Q Why is it important to you to protect
19 the wetlands?

20 MR. PELOSO: Personally or as a
21 trustee?

22 Q Do you understand the question?

23 A No, I don't.

24 Q You voted to --

25 A Yes.

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2 Q Did you vote personally?

3 A I voted as a trustee.

4 Q Why did you think -- you just stated
5 that you voted in favor of it because you wanted
6 to protect the wetlands.

7 A Yes.

8 Q Why do you think that you should be
9 protecting the wetlands or that the village
10 should be protecting the wetlands?

11 A Because of the environment.

12 Q What do you mean by that?

13 A If you disturb the wetlands, you
14 disturb the infrastructure of the village. That
15 is, you have floods, you have -- that's why it's
16 called the wetlands, because it's a protected
17 area in the environment.

18 Q No further questions on this document.

19 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
20 marked.)

21 (Whereupon, Board of Trustees Meeting
22 Minutes, 3/27/06, Bates No. POM19136, was
23 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 241 for
24 identification.)

25 Q You've just been handed Plaintiff's

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2 241, which is entitled, "Board of Trustees
3 Meeting, March 27, 2006." And you were listed as
4 one of the trustees, correct?

5 A Yes.

6 Q If you turn to Page 6 of 10 in the
7 middle of the page where it says, "B. Planning
8 and Zoning," it says, "Attached is a copy from
9 Trustee Roman, Chairman of the Ethics Committee
10 to Rita Louie (sic). Mayor Marshall read a
11 letter of resignation he received from Rita Louie
12 regarding her membership on the planning board. A
13 copy of the letter is attached to the minutes.
14 Mayor Marshall recommended accepting her
15 resignation and he will send her a letter
16 thanking her for her service to the community.
17 The board was unanimous in accepting the
18 resignation from Rita Louie."

19 Did I read that correctly?

20 A Yes.

21 Q I will represent that although it says
22 attached is a copy of the letter, this was
23 produced to us as is without an attachment.

24 Can you tell me about this situation,
25 what happened?

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2 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form,
3 vague.

4 Q You can answer.

5 A It was -- came before us as a
6 resignation from a member of one of our boards
7 and we accepted it.

8 Q Why did it come to the ethics
9 committee?

10 A Because it was understood that, I
11 think -- it was understood or I understood that
12 she had been involved in some building issues in
13 the Village of Pomona. I don't know what they
14 were. But you couldn't be on both sides of
15 the -- you could not be on the planning board and
16 a village board doing -- it was a conflict of
17 interest.

18 Q Is she a developer?

19 A No, she was a land something or other.
20 But it was conflict of interest.

21 Q Were there allegations made against
22 her?

23 MR. PELOSO: Object to the form.

24 A I don't know.

25 Q Do you know how it got to the ethics

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2 board?

3 A Mayor -- anything to do with conflicts
4 of interest is referred to the ethics board.

5 Q Right. But who brought it to --

6 A It was the mayor.

7 Q Do you know who brought it to the
8 mayor's attention that there was a conflict of
9 interest?

10 A No, I don't know who brought it to the
11 mayor.

12 Q Did the ethics committee make a
13 decision?

14 A She resigned so there was no decision
15 to be made.

16 Q She resigned before you made a
17 decision?

18 A Correct.

19 Q Before when we talked about the ethics
20 board you said you only met once. Is this the
21 one time?

22 A We met this time, yes. This was one
23 of the times.

24 Q So there may have been a few other
25 times?

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2 A There may have been a few other times.
3 I don't recall at this time.

4 Q Miss Louie is now on the board of
5 trustees, correct?

6 A Excuse me?

7 Q Miss Louie is now on the board of
8 trustees?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Are there any conflicts of interest
11 now?

12 A No.

13 Q So whatever action happened then
14 doesn't exist now?

15 A No.

16 Q Okay, no further questions on this.

17 MS. SOBEL: (Handing document to be
18 marked.)

19 (Whereupon, Board of Trustees Meeting
20 Minutes, 3/27/06, Bates Nos. RC1007-16, was
21 marked Plaintiff's Exhibit 242 for
22 identification.)

23 Q You've been handed what's been marked
24 Plaintiff's 242, which is minutes from a March
25 27, 2006 board of trustees meeting; is that

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2 correct? Is that what it says?

3 A Yes.

4 Q If you turn to Page RC1015, which is
5 the second to last page. I'm going to read. It
6 says during Trustees Period, "Deputy Mayor
7 Sanderson reported on a meeting that he and
8 Trustee Roman attended with board members from
9 the four villages involved in the two lawsuits
10 against the Town of Ramapo. It was the consensus
11 of those present to proceed with the appeal of
12 the lawsuit which was described as Ramapo II,
13 which is the lawsuit contesting the validity of
14 the of the adult student housing local law."

15 Did I read that accurately?

16 A Yes.

17 Q The "of the of the" was written that
18 way, not me stumbling, correct? You don't have
19 to answer.

20 So does this refresh your recollection
21 about the Ramapo lawsuit?

22 A Totally forgotten.

23 Q Totally forgotten?

24 A I don't remember.

25 Q Are any of those lawsuits going on

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2 now?

3 A I don't know.

4 Q A lawsuit contesting the validity of
5 the adult student housing local law. Do you know
6 what the adult student housing local law was?

7 MR. PELOSO: As it's referenced here?

8 Q Yes.

9 Do you know what it was?

10 A Do I know --

11 Q What the adult student housing local
12 law was?

13 A I don't remember at this point.

14 Q But you voted in favor of going
15 forward?

16 A No, it was -- I went with the mayor.
17 But I wanted to hear, but I don't know -- I
18 didn't get a copy of that.

19 Q And you voted in favor of going
20 forward with the appeal?

21 A Yes.

22 Q Do you remember why?

23 A Because I thought it was in the
24 interest of all of the towns and villages
25 concerned. I think it was in our best interest.

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2 Q How come?

3 A Well, at this point I can't remember.
4 But at that time it seemed the right thing to do.

5 Q Do you remember anyone talking about
6 adult student housing?

7 A No, I don't remember talking about it.
8 We just -- no, I don't remember. You know, this
9 is 2006.

10 Q Yes.

11 A It's older than my car.

12 MS. SOBEL: If we can take a five
13 minute break, we are going to see if we have
14 anything to wrap it up.

15 (Recess held.)

16 MS. SOBEL: We're finished. We have
17 no further questions.

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19 (Continued on next page so that
20 jurat does not stand alone.)

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2 MR. PELOSO: We don't have any
3 questions.

4 (Time Noted: 11:31 a.m.)

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8 Alma Sanders Roman

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10 Subscribed and sworn to
11 before me this day
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7 Notary Public within and for the State of New
8 York, do hereby certify:

9 That ALMA SANDERS ROMAN, the witness whose
10 examination is hereinbefore set forth, was

11 duly sworn by me and that the transcript

12 of said examination is a true record of the

13 testimony given by the witness.

14 I further certify that I am not related
15 to any of the parties to this action by blood
16 or marriage and that I am in no way interested
17 in the outcome of this matter.

18 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
19 my hand this 6th day of June, 2014.
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23 Gale Salit
24 Shorthand Reporter
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